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SUBJ: DIV SAYS ALL IS SWEETNESS AND LIGHT IN UNITED PARTY

1. IN MAY 3 INTERVIEW WITH JOHANNESBURG STAR'S POLITICAL COLUMNIST, UNITED PARTY LEADER SIR DE VILLIERS GRAAFF SAID HE HAD NO INTENTION OF RESIGNING, AS LONG AS HE RETAINED CONFIDENCE OF UNITED PARTY'S NATIONAL CONGRESS.
2. HE RULED OUT POSSIBILITY OF "LONG-TERM ACCOMMODATION" WITH PROGRESSIVE PARTY, "UNLESS THEIR POLICIES CHANGE ENTIRELY." ASKED WHETHER THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION BETWEEN UP AND PROGS IN PARLIAMENT, GRAAFF RESPONDED LOFTILY, "IT DEPENDS ON THEIR BEHAVIOR AND WHAT CHANGES IN POLICY THEY BRING ABOUT." HE SAID HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE "EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO COOPERATE WITH THEM".
3. GRAAFF MADE LITTLE OF DISSENSION WITHIN UNITED PARTY, STATING THAT THERE WERE NO POLICY DIFFERENCES AND ONLY "MINOR DIFFERENCES AS TO THE TEMPO OF DEVELOPMENT." HE ADDED, "ON POLICY ISSUES WE ARE A UNITED TEAM." HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE HAD BEEN PERSONALITY CLASHES IN UP, BUT MAINTAINED

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THAT THESE "HAVE BEEN IRONED OUT" AND WILL CAUSE NO

APPRECIABLE DIFFICULTIES IN FUTURE.

4. COMMENT: AS LEADER OF HIS PARTY, GRAAFF COULD BE EXPECTED TO PAINT ROSIEST PICTURE POSSIBLE OF UP'S INTERNAL SITUATION. HIS ASSESSMENT, THOUGH, IGNORES FUNDAMENTAL POLICY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CONSERVATIVE AND LIBERAL WINGS OF PARTY. AND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT DEEP PERSONAL ANTAGONISMS BETWEEN MEN LIKE MYBERGH STREICHER AND RADCLYFFE CADMAN ON ONE HAND AND HARRY SCHWARZ ON THE OTHER HAVE DISAPPEARED OVERNIGHT. FORECAST REMAINS ONE OF STORMY DAYS AHEAD FOR UNITED PARTY. HURD

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